



## Lamont-Bysiewicz Transition Policy Committee Reporting Template

**Committee Name: Women**

**Co-Chairs: Marilyn Moore and Karen Jarmoc**

### **CT Council on Women and Girls**

**1. How do you propose the Lamont Administration should prioritize the policy goals in this area, and on what timeframe?** The Lamont-Bysiewicz Administration should establish the CT Council on Women and Girls to provide a coordinated state response to issues that particularly impact the lives of women and girls. The CT Council on Women and Girls membership could be comprised of the heads of each State agency, ensuring that Commissioners incorporate the rights of women and girls into each program created and policy enacted. Like New York, the Council could be housed in the Executive Chamber of the Office of the Governor, emphasizing the centrality of its work to the overall goals of the administration. A Steering Committee representing women from academia, business, media, and non-profit/advocacy work could be established to advise the Council and serve to elevate issues and concerns. The Steering Committee could meet with and advise agency heads, bringing together private sector experience with government action.

**2. Which goals are achievable in the first 100 days of the Administration?** This initiative could be announced and organized within the First 100 days of the Administration by tasking a policy lead in the Lamont Administration with organizing and offering ongoing leadership.

**3. Which goals will require legislation to move forward? Which items can be advanced through the actions of the Administration alone? What is the fiscal impact of these legislative or executive actions?** This initiative could be funded within available appropriations.

**4. Are there specific challenges you can identify with regard to achieving the Lamont Administration's goals, and how would you suggest to address those?** No

**5. How will implementation of policy in this area create jobs and spur economic growth?** The Council can advance women's policy initiatives in areas of impact which speak to the economy to include: education, economic opportunity, workforce equity, leadership, health care, and STEAM.

**6. Are there opportunities for cost savings for CT state government in the context of implementing this policy?** Initiatives that support women in the workforce will likely reduce the costs of state assistance in a variety of health and human service areas and contribute to the economy.

**7. What examples of success from other states, countries, or the private sector in this policy area**

**should the Administration study?** The 43 years of Connecticut's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women in Connecticut, defunded in 2016, and women's commissions established in states around the country, provide legislatively-created examples. New York State recently created a Council on Women and Girls in the Executive Branch that is largely modeled on President Obama's White House Council on Women and Girls.